

RULES FOR VISITORS TO THE PARK OF THE STATE CHATEAU OF RATIBOŘICE (THE "PARK")

Article 1 - ACCESS TO THE PARK

The park is a part of the National Cultural Heritage Site (NCHS) of Babiččino údolí, protected under Act No. 20/87 Coll. on State Heritage Protection, as amended. The grounds of the NCHS are also a national natural heritage site (NNHS), protected under Act No. 114/92 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection, as amended.

Article 2 - OPENING HOURS

1. The park is freely accessible to the public.
2. Access to the park may be modified by the management of the heritage site if necessitated by the current operational or security situation. For operational reasons (filming, commercial rental, etc.) the park may be entirely closed to the public or access may be restricted in the case of a cultural event.

Article 3 - ADMISSION FEE

1. The admission to the park is usually free for visitors.
2. If there is a cultural or social event, an admission fee will be charged according to the price list applicable for the respective event.
3. Persons under the age of 15 are not allowed to enter the park without being accompanied by an adult.

Article 4 - ORGANISATION OF VISITS

1. The tour of the park is unguided.

Article 5 - SAFETY AND PROTECTION

1. In the park, it is prohibited to:
 - a. Consume alcohol or any other narcotic or addictive substances. No persons reasonably suspected of being drunk or under the influence of drugs or other narcotic or addictive substances are allowed in the park.
 - b. Throw cigarette butts on the ground, light or use open fires.
 - c. Use any kinds of fireworks.
 - d. Carry weapons.
 - e. Move off the marked paths, tread new paths/trails, pick or break flowers, tear off blossoms/leaves of trees and bushes, break branches, climb trees and bushes, climb over and under fences, walls and railings, hunt animals and birds or in any way harm and damage or take away fauna and flora in the park.
 - f. Use the grass areas for having picnics; possibly with the exception of the areas designated for that purpose.
 - g. Feed the animals kept in the park.
 - h. Climb down and disturb the dwellings of the animals kept there.
 - i. Damage, destroy or remove in any way the equipment of the park, or write or paint on grottos, walls, statues, tiles and panelling, rocks and other natural and structural elements in the park.
 - j. Bathe in the fountains, ornamental ponds or the chateau pond.
 - k. Drive and park motor vehicles outside of designated and marked areas, ride bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skateboards, etc., unless on directly marked paths.
 - l. Post or hand out posters, leaflets, etc. without the knowledge of the heritage site management.
 - m. Throw rubbish outside the garbage cans or otherwise litter the park.
 - n. Camp, play ball games, sledge, ski or skate.
 - o. Fly drones; any exceptions may be granted by the chateau manager: Telephone: 491 452 123, chateau manager - head of the heritage sites management 723 468 183.
 - p. Pursue geocaching, place "caches" in the park area, any exceptions may be granted upon agreement with the chateau management: chateau manager - head of the heritage sites management 723 468 183.
 - q. Disturb the peace, order, safety and good manners, play loud music or other sound recordings, shout and be loud, thereby disturbing other visitors and fauna.
 - r. Touch or tamper with the information system.
2. To protect the park and visitors, selected outdoor areas are monitored by a camera system with video recording. Information on the protection of personal data is available on the website at www.npu.cz in the personal data protection section.
3. When visiting the park, visitors must pay close attention to uneven road surfaces, low passageways, water areas or other hazards occasioned by the nature of the park. Visitors must take the utmost care for their safety, the safety of the children they are accompanying and any other persons entrusted to them.

Article 6 - ACCESS TO THE PARK WITH BICYCLES and other means of transport

1. Visitors riding bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skateboards, etc. are not allowed in the park unless there is a bicycle route directly marked in the park.
2. Entry of vehicles used for traffic service is permitted solely and exclusively by the chateau manager - the head of the heritage sites management.

Article 7 - ACCESS TO THE PARK WITH ANIMALS

1. Animals are allowed in the park under the following conditions:
 - a. The animal must be on a leash.
 - b. The owner of the animal, or the person leading the animal, is responsible for the animal's behaviour, including any damage that might be caused by the animal to the property of the National Heritage Institute.
 - c. The person responsible for the animal must ensure that the animal's excrement is cleaned up.
 - d. The admission of the animal is free of charge.
 - e. The general binding decree of the City of Česká Skalice also applies to the movement of animals on the grounds and any violation might be subject to a monetary fine.

Article 8 - PLAY ELEMENTS IN THE PARK

1. If there are any play elements for children in or around the park, these are intended for children up to 12 years of age
2. Children's safety while using the play elements is the responsibility of their legal guardians/the person who accompanied them to the park.

Article 9 - TAKINGS PHOTOS AND MAKING VIDEOS

1. In the park, visitors are allowed to take photos and make videos for their own use while respecting and protecting the privacy of other visitors.
2. Taking photos and making videos for public presentation and for commercial purposes must be agreed in advance in writing with the heritage site manager, specifying the date of taking the photos or making the videos and other details. Please send any requests for taking pictures/filming to: Management of the State Chateau of Ratibořice, Ratibořice 1, 552 03 Česká Skalice, e-mail: ratiborice@npu.cz, telephone: 491 452 123, 723 468 183.
3. In the event that a cultural or any other event open to the public is held in the park, the visitor acknowledges and understands that during the event, photographic/video documentation of the event may be taken. This documentation will be used exclusively to meet the legitimate interests of the National Heritage Institute (also referred to as "NHI") for the purposes of promoting the event, informing about the event, etc. on the website, social networks, printed materials, etc. The photographic/video documentation will be taken mainly to capture the course of the event as a whole, not specific individuals. If visitors have any objections to this, they can contact the event organiser. The National Heritage Institute always protects any personal data obtained against misuse and processes them in accordance with currently applicable laws. Information on the protection of personal data, including advice on the rights of visitors, is available on the NHI website at www.npu.cz in the personal data protection section.
4. Flying drones is prohibited on the lands of the National Heritage Institute (NHI) without prior written permission ("Consent to Engage in the Operation of Unmanned Systems", hereinafter the "Consent"). Consent to fly over a heritage site under the management of the National Heritage Institute may be issued on the basis of a written application by the head of the heritage site management (chateau management) or the director of the regional heritage site management of the National Heritage Institute.

Article 10 - SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

1. For any activities in the castle park that are the subject of business or lead to financial gain of the organizer of such activities, it is necessary to request prior approval from the chateau management - head of the chateau management and to make an agreement.
2. For any other activities (also non-profit) in the chateau park, it is necessary to request prior approval from the chateau manager - head of the heritage sites management.

Article 11 - FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Visitors can submit their wishes, compliments or comments in writing directly at the heritage site in the book of wishes and complaints, which will be presented to them upon request by the head of the heritage site management, or verbally, in writing or by phone to: Management of the State Chateau of Ratibořice, Ratibořice 1, 552 03 Česká Skalice, e-mail: ratiborice@npu.cz, tel: 491 452 123, 723 468 183.; or the National Heritage Institute, Regional Heritage Site Management at Sychrov: bidlasova.lucie@npu.cz.
2. The visitor is liable to the National Heritage Institute or the manager of the heritage site for violation of the Rules for Visitors and for damage to property, in accordance with the applicable laws. The liability of the management of the heritage site for any damage caused to visitors during their stay on the grounds is governed by the generally applicable laws. The National Heritage Institute is not liable to visitors for damages resulting from failure to comply with these Rules for Visitors.
3. Exceptions to the Rules for Visitors may be granted by the chateau manager - head of the heritage sites management.
4. These Rules for Visitors enter into effect on 1 January 2025 and the existing Rules for Visitors are being repealed at the same time.